5th September 1960]

Pension for teachers in aided schools

* 69 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications for pension received so far from retired teachers in aided schools in each district in the State; and

(*b*) the number of cases in which pension has been sanctioned in each district?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Separate particulars regarding the number of applications received from teachers in aided schools, are not readily available. However, a statement [a] showing the number of applications received up to the end of May 1960, from retired teachers in aided and local body schools, the number disposed of, and the number pending is placed on the table of the House.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : From the statement furnished it is seen that the number of applications that have been returned for rectification of defects exceeds 700. Will the Hon. Minister kindly inform us as to what exactly the procedure is, whether there is any printed form on which all the particulars are tabulated, and so on?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have the information here. I think it should be well known by now.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As these applications, whether they have been returned for rectification of defects or otherwise, are known to be pending with the managements for a long time, will the Government kindly circularize the managements to keep these records ready six months in advance of the retirement of teachers and see that the teachers get their pensions at least after six months of their retirement?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think in the case of Government employees instructions have been issued that the statement should be prepared six months before retirement of the employee. I do not know whether any such instructions have been issued to the managements also. I shall look into it.

Arts College, Coimbatore

* 70 *Q.*—Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates who applied for admission to the Coimbatore Arts College for the B.A. Degree Course in Tamil medium this year;

(*b*) the number of candidates selected;

(*c*) whether these candidates are given any stipend and if so, the amount thereof; and

(*d*) whether they have to pay their usual college fees?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Two hundred and forty.

a Printed as Appendix I on page 23 infra.

(b) One hundred against the 100 available seats.

(c) & (d) Full tuition fee remission is granted to all students the annual income of whose parents does not exceed Rs. 3,000. In addition, a monthly stipend of Rs. 30 each is given to forty-five students in the Tamil medium classes selected on the basis of merit. These stipendiaries should also satisfy the condition of the income limit of Rs. 3,000.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether this will be followed in future also in other colleges which will revert from the English medium to Tamil medium?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Government have not yet taken a decision in the matter.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : When there were as many as 240 applicants for only 100 seats, did not the Hon. Minister feel that there was great response from the students to take up this Tamil medium course, and that being so, where was the necessity for the Goverment to grant a stipend of Rs. 30 to about 45 students?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We wanted that students from various other districts also should come and join the Coimbatore College for the purpose of taking this Tamil medium course. If no assistance was given, then persons from the other districts would find it difficult to come and prosecute their studies at Coimbatore. It is only for that purpose that the stipend was given.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I take it that these stipends are available only to those students coming from other districts or even to the students coming from the Coimbatore district or Coimbatore town?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think no discrimination has been made on the basis of residence of the students. But that is one of the factors taken into consideration in the grant of stipends. I do not think they will be able to say that we have discriminated on that basis.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Does not the fact that stipends are paid only to people coming from other districts, amount to discrimination, since there is the same factor applicable to students undergoing instruction in English medium? They have also to go from one district to another district for prosecuting their studies.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it is the policy of the Government to encourage students joining the Tamil medium college, and if the hon. Member thinks that it is discrimination, it is discrimination in favour of Tamil medium students and not against anybody.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What are the special steps taken by the Government to encourage students to apply to this college and make the Tamil medium of instruction popular?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not able to follow the question, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Did the Government take any steps to increase the number of applicants to this particular college in order to make it appear to the public that this has become very popular?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I appreciate the insinuation made by the hon. Member, but I may tell him that no such step was taken by the Government.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it a fact that an indication has been given to the students who joined this college that in the matter of appointments under the Madras Government, they will be given preference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have discussed the matter in general and we have indicated that, since we have adopted Tamil as the language of administration, those who study the subjects at the higher levels also in Tamil, may get some preference.

Construction of hostels

* 71 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government on the extent of help to be given to educational institutions for construction of hostels; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy of the same on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A copy [a] of the letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, No. F. 26–24–58–45, dated 21st November 1959 is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister kindly let me know how many high schools got loans under this scheme for the construction of hostels?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think loans have been disbursed so far. Only money allotment has just been made and no disbursement has so far been made.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : It refers to the Second Five-Year Plan. So one more year there is. 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM. Just now I think intimation has been received with regard to the allotment of money to this State. That will have to be disbursed.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether any ceiling is fixed for the college or for the high school?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No particular ceiling is fixed, but the money that is available is limited.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 24–26 infra.